(*c*) Work Establishment surveyor 1, and Boat Jetty maistries, Shertallai and Tannirmukkam 2, maistries for roads, canals, buildings, etc., according to actual requirements.

(*d*) The maistries are paid from the amounts provided for petty supervision in the estimate sanctioned for each work.

(*e*) Rs. 1,650, up to the end of Mithunam 1101, in the Shertallai P. W. Section.

(*f*) The maistries now kept are required for carrying out the works in progress in the taluk.

(2) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (1) (*f*).

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): With reference to the answer to part (*e*), will the Government kindly state the amount allotted for the Shertallai taluk under P. W. D. for 1101 ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am unable to say that now.

Roads in Shertallai Taluk.

211. **MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the breadth and thickness of gravel on the roads sanctioned for Shertallai at the last budget meeting in Karkatakam 1100?

(2) Are the Government aware that the breadth and thickness of gravel are insufficient to meet the requirements of a cart road ?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to take the necessary steps to make these roads fit for cart traffic and render communication easy?

(4) Are the Government aware that the road work so far executed is far from satisfactory?

(5) Are they also aware that, from the nature of the soil in the Shertallai taluk, the roads there need protection on either side by laterite stones?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) 8 feet width and 4 inches thickness for the Shertallai—Arukutti road, and 10 feet width and 4 inches thickness for the others.

(2) Yes.

(3) The 8 feet width of gravelling will be widened and thickened if cart traffic develops.

(4) No.

(5) Dry laterite stone protection will be provided where necessary according to necessity.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIAKKR (*Shertallai*): With reference to the answer to part (3), may I know whether there is any test by which we can determine whether in a particular taluk the cart traffic can develop?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is not a question whether cart traffic can or cannot develop; but when it develops, the width of the road will be increased.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): How can the cart traffic develop when the road itself is not wide enough ?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): In cases where the roads are 10 feet wide, they are fit for cart traffic. In cases where they are 8 feet wide they may have to be widened.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): The answer says that "8 feet width of gravelling will be widened and thickened if cart traffic develops". I wish to know how cart traffic can develop when the width of the road itself is insufficient for traffic.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*). Development presupposes that a number of carts have been waiting.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): How can carts wait when there is no road at all?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The local officers can know whether there is need or not for a cart road.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): May I know whether there is any road at all in Shertallai taluk suitable for cart traffic?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There are a few.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Are the Government aware that there has been a long cry for roads fit for cart traffic in Shertallai taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I note the information.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Is it not out of that cry that these roads have been sanctioned?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It may be so.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): How is it then that the road that has been sanctioned is unfit for cart traffic?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The construction of roads is entirely dependent upon the need. The question of widening the road in question will be considered when the time comes and when funds are available.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): May I take it that funds are not available or that there is no necessity for widening the road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I do not make any assertion on either of these points.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Are the Government convinced of the necessity of cartable roads in Shertallai?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): In view of the fact that the Haripad-Ambalapuzha road is nearing completion, may I know from the Government whether they propose to extend it to Shertallai as well?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): What the member says will be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Will the Government consider it with sympathy?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Certainly

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